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REMARKS

In response to the Advisory Action mailed on April 21, 2006, Applicants submit the above amendments to the claims.

Applicant encourages the Examiner to call the undersigned Attorney for any reason if the Examiner feels it would be helpful to expedite prosecution of the present claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include objected to claim 7 and now should be in condition for allowance. Previously pending claim 7 has been canceled. Because claim 7 has been canceled, claim 8 has been modified to depend from claim 1.

Claim 10 has been amended to include objected to claim 16 and now should be in condition for allowance. Previously pending claim 16 has been canceled. Because claim 16 has been canceled, claim 17 has been modified to depend from claim 10.

Each of claims 18-23 have been amended to include the patentable distinctions recited by either objected to claim 7 or objected to claim 16. Applicants therefore respectfully request allowance of claims 18-23 as well.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice to this affect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after reviewing this Response, that the pending claims are not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicant(s) Representative at the number below.

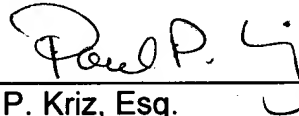
Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time, which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an

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extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned Attorney at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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